**Rising Number of Road Accidents in Punjab**

2104. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents on the National Highways during the last 4 years in Punjab;

(b) if so, the number of persons killed/injured therein during the same period, State-wise; and

(c) the step taken by Government to check these accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The number of accidents on the National Highways in Punjab for the last four years are as under:

| Year | Accidents |
|---|---|
| 1995 | 688 |
| 1996 | 876 |
| 1997 | 1229 |
| 1998 | Figures not available. |

(b) The number of persons killed/injured in road accidents on National Highways during the last four years, State-wise is given in the Statement. (*see* below)

(c) The steps taken by Government to check these accidents are:

(i) widening of two-lane sections to four lane sections.
(ii) Single lane to two-lanes,
(iii) providing raised shoulders,
(iv) strengthening weak pavements,
(v) reconstruction of weak and narrow bridges and culverts,
(vi) replacement of level crossing by road over bridges,
(vii) provision of retro-reflective road signs,
(viii) thermoplastic road markings,
(ix) laybyes and
(x) wayside amenities on high traffic density corridors; etc.

**Statement**

*Persons Killed/Injured in Road Accidents on National Highways During 1995 to 1998*

| States/U. Territories | Killed | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 2146 | 2580 | 2228 | 3102 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 5 | 13 | 13 | 28 |
| Assam | 774 | 760 | 866 | 787 |
| Bihar | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| Goa | 101 | 96 | 111 | 107 |
| Gujarat | 897 | 1121 | 1590 | 1380 |
| Haryana | 1168 | 1211 | 1110 | 1098 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 228 | 216 | 181 | 292 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 94 | 173 | 131 | N.A. |
| Karnataka | 1898 | 1974 | 1896 | 1947 |
| Kerala | 968 | 859 | 851 | 826 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 1276 | 1355 | N.A. | N.A. |
| Maharashtra | 2842 | 3043 | 3197 | N.A. |
| Manipur | 59 | 32 | 43 | 40 |
| Meghalaya | 78 | 58 | 100 | 87 |
| Mizoram | 28 | 31 | 12 | 39 |
| Nagaland | 31 | 50 | 15 | 10 |
| Orissa | 788 | 763 | 673 | 803 |
| Punjab | 591 | 561 | 938 | N.A. |
| Rajasthan | 1821 | 2058 | 2077 | 2118 |
| Sikkim | 13 | 11 | 10 | 10 |
| Tamil Nadu | 2723 | 2787 | 2775 | 3106 |
| Tripura | 32 | 45 | 59 | 46 |
| Uttar Pradesh | N.A. | 3098 | 3165 | 3318 |
| West Bengal | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| A & N Islands | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| Chandigarh | 18 | 26 | 25 | 14 |
| Dadra & Nagar Haveli | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| Daman & Diu | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| Delhi | 257 | 280 | 415 | 305 |

| | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lakshadweep | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| Pondicherry | 35 | 27 | 32 | 34 |
| Total | 18871 | 23228 | 22514 | 19497 |

N.A. = Not Available

| States/U. Territories | Injured | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 6720 | 7982 | 7052 | 9286 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 71 | 94 | 134 | 62 |
| Assam | 2182 | 2288 | 2623 | 2364 |
| Bihar | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| Goa | 729 | 782 | 605 | 695 |
| Gujarat | 4063 | 4937 | 7069 | 7735 |
| Haryana | 2808 | 3089 | 2554 | 3065 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 1256 | 996 | 1006 | 1488 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 432 | 395 | 526 | N.A. |
| Karnataka | 10749 | 11824 | 9481 | 9297 |
| Kerala | 12393 | 11673 | 10748 | 10805 |
| Madhya Pradesh | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| Maharashtra | 12501 | 13289 | 13388 | N.A. |
| Manipur | 253 | 295 | 294 | 472 |
| Meghalaya | 265 | 184 | 329 | 165 |
| Mizoram | 121 | 117 | 57 | 147 |
| Nagaland | 130 | 76 | 63 | 30 |
| Orissa | 2785 | 2727 | 2669 | 2913 |
| Punjab | 560 | 813 | 1077 | N.A. |
| Rajasthan | 8285 | 7961 | 7664 | 9122 |
| Sikkim | 118 | 115 | 69 | 40 |
| Tamil Nadu | 11731 | 11159 | 9074 | 9822 |
| Tripura | 169 | 174 | 504 | 209 |
| Uttar Pradesh | N.A. | 4136 | 4084 | 4437 |

| | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| West Bengal | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| A & N Islands | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| Chandigarh | 24 | 39 | 44 | 34 |
| Dadra & Nagar Haveli | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| Daman & Diu | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| Delhi | 819 | 1029 | 1011 | 1012 |
| Lakshadweep | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| Pondicherry | 233 | 188 | 265 | 204 |
| Total | 79397 | 86362 | 82390 | 73404 |

N.A. = Not Available

**Pinto Committee Report on National Shipping Policy**

2105. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that "PINTO" Committee was set up for National Shipping Policy;

(b) the recommendations of the Committee and how many have been accepted by Government;

(c) the number of meeting of "National Shipping Board" held during the last three years; and

(d) the details of businesses which have been transacted in each meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee made 31 recommendations. Empowered Committee set up by the Government had considered and recommended for acceptance 26 recommendations. Of them 15 recommendations have already been accepted by the Government and action